

# Fiscal Year 2022 Intercity Passenger Rail - Amtrak Program FAQs

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## About the Program

### 1. What is the purpose of the fiscal year (FY) 2022 IPR Program?

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### 2. What legislation authorized funding for the FY 2022 IPR Program?

The program is authorized by Section 1513 of the *Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007* (Pub. L. No. 110-53), codified as amended (6 U.S.C. § 1163); and by *Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2022* (Pub. L. No. 117-103).



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**3. How much funding is available under the FY 2022 IPR Program?**

The total amount of funds distributed is \$10 million.

**4. What are the changes in funding levels between FY 2021 and FY 2022?**

The FY 2022 funding level for IPR is at the same level as FY 2021.

**5. Where is the FY 2022 IPR Program Notice of Funding Opportunity located?**

The FY 2022 IPR NOFO is located [here](#).

**6. Who is eligible to apply for FY 2022 IPR Program funds?**

The National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak) is the only entity eligible to apply.

**7. How will the FY 2022 IPR Program application be submitted?**

Applying for under the IPR Program is a multi-step process; the registration process can take four weeks or more to complete. Therefore, Amtrak is encouraged to register in sufficient time to not hinder its ability to meet required submission deadlines. Please refer to Section D in the FY 2022 IPR Program NOFO for detailed information and instructions.

Amtrak must submit its initial application through the [Grants.gov portal](#). For Grants.gov support, Amtrak should contact the Grants.gov customer support hotline at (800) 518-4726 or [support@grants.gov](mailto:support@grants.gov) 24 hours a day, seven days a week except federal holidays.

After the initial application is submitted in Grants.gov, Amtrak will be notified by FEMA to proceed with submitting its complete application package in the [Non-Disaster \(ND\) Grants System](#). If technical support is needed with the



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ND Grants System, Amtrak should contact [ndgrants@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:ndgrants@fema.dhs.gov) or (800) 865- 4076, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. ET.

Amtrak's completed application must be submitted no later than **5 p.m. ET on June 13, 2022.**

**8. What are the key dates associated with the FY 2022 IPR Program?**

May 13, 2022: Release date of the funding notice.

June 13, 2022, 5 p.m. ET: Application due to FEMA.

**9. How will the FY 2022 IPR Program funds be allocated?**

Amtrak is the only entity eligible to apply for funding under the IPR Program. However, consistent with the other non-competitive preparedness grant programs, spending requirements are imposed. The National Priority Areas and associated minimum spend requirements for Amtrak are:

Enhancing Cybersecurity: No minimum spend requirement; and

Enhancing the Protection of Soft Targets/Crowded Places: 5%.

**10. What is the FY 2022 IPR Program period of performance?**

The period of performance is 36 months.

**11. What other resources are available to address programmatic, technical and financial questions?**

For additional program-specific information, please contact the Centralized Scheduling and Information Desk (CSID) help line at (800) 368-6498 or [askcsid@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:askcsid@fema.dhs.gov). CSID hours of operation are from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday.



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